

Date Issued: Nov. Dec 7, 2005 Closing Date: Jan 17, 2006

Closing Time: 12:00 Noon Cairo Time

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) No. 263-06-002 Egypt Democracy and Governance program IQC

The United States Government, represented by the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) is soliciting proposals from qualified U.S. organizations interested in providing the services detailed in the attached solicitation.

If you decide to submit an offer, it must be submitted in accordance with the attached solicitation and received no later than 12:00 Noon on the closing date indicated above at the place indicated in Section L. Responses to this RFP must be sent via e-mail to all of the following addresses.

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In addition one original and three copies of the Technical and Cost proposals must be postmarked and sent prior to the date and time set for closing. These must be sent via United States Postal Service Mail, as the USPS postmark will be the only acceptable verification that the proposals were sent on time. This RFP contains three Case Studies (Section J, Attachment 4A,B,C). Offerors must submit a proposal in response to one of the three case studies. No alternate proposals will be accepted.

This procurement shall be a full and open competition, under which any type of organization (commercial [for-profit] firms, educational institutions, non-profit organizations) is eligible to compete. For organizations other than small businesses, the RFP contains a required subcontracting goal of 20% to be allocated among small businesses, small disadvantaged businesses, women-owned small businesses, etc.

The competitive proposal method of solicitation, as set forth in Part 15 of the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) (48 CFR Chapter 1), shall be utilized for this procurement.

Tel: (202) 522 7000 Fax: (202) 516 4628 (202) 516 4659 Offerors shall be aware that this RFP contains a list of technical and cost evaluation criteria (see Section M). Please note that your technical proposal in response to this RFP must be organized as specified in Section L of the solicitation.

It is anticipated that multiple awards will be made for this Cost Plus Fixed Fee (CPFF) Indefinite Quantity Contract (IQC) for a five (5) year ordering period.

The NAIC/SIC Code for this solicitation is 541611 and the small business size standard is \$6 million (see FAR Part 19 for additional information). USAID encourages the participation to the maximum extent possible for U.S. Disadvantaged Enterprise Program entities and small business concerns.

This solicitation in no way obligates USAID to award a contract nor does it commit USAID to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of the proposal.

Offerors interested in forming a prime/subcontractor relationship should register through <a href="https://www.fbo.gov">www.fbo.gov</a> under the tab marked "Register as Interested Vendor" to facilitate Partnership or collaboration opportunities.

Sincerely.

Contracting Officer